Assistance given to Cubans

540. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some voluntary aid for Cubans has been made by the so called National Committee for Solidarity with Cuba;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have permitted such aid by the said Committee;

(d) if so, what are details thereof with relevant provisions in this regard; and

(e) if not, what action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Government of India have seen newspaper reports to the effect that an organisation called National Committee for Solidarity with Cuba is collecting food and relief material to be sent to Cuba as humanitarian assistance.

(c) and (d) Collection of such material by any organisation does not require permission of the Government.

(e) The action to be taken by Government of India can only be determined if and when Government of India is formally approached for permission to export the collected material.

Repatriation of Indians from Singapore

541. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government was drawn to the news item published in the daily Hindu, dated 6th April, 1992 about the arrest of Indians in Singapore for the offence of begging;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the arrested Indians were produced at a press conference organised by the Government of Singapore and their group photos were published in papers;

(c) what steps are taken to repatriate such people who were visiting on socia visit passes; and

(d) whether such people may be asked to deposit the amount for return trave when no objection certificate was issued by the immigration department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Repatriation of these Indian nationals has been carried out.

(d) These persons were in possession of return tickets.

Indian Assistance to Slovak Republic

542. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is willing to help in the economic reconstruction of the Slovak Republic of Czechoslovakia; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and

(b) India's cooperation with the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic encompasses cooperation with the Slovak Republic. Government have not received any specific proposal to assist in the economic reconstruction of the latter.

543. [*Transferred to the 7th May*, 1992.]

भारतीय मिशनों का पुनर्गठन

544. श्री रणजीत सिंह :

सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या विदेश मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 23 मार्च, 1992 के "दि स्टेट्समैन" में "इण्डियन मिशन्स टू बी रिवेम्पड" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;